

APPENDIX C
PUBLIC NOTICE

FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Environmental Assessment for The Wisner Tennis Center/Great Lawn Project Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed demolition of the Wisner Tennis Center and replacement with a "Great Lawn" in the Tri-Centennial area of City Park, New Orleans. The State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control has submitted an application for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding under FEMA's Public Assistance Program being administered in response to FEMA-1603-DR-LA, in response to Hurricane Katrina. The Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1603-DR-LA was signed on August 29, 2005 for this event.

The State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control proposes to improve City Park through the development of a lawn area. This approximate 3 acre improvement to the Tri-Centennial Place area of City Park will provide a multi-use area for park visitors. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a Draft EA was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The Draft FONSI is FEMA's finding that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The public comment period will be for 15 days, from Sunday, September 6, 2009 to Sunday, September 20, 2009. Written comments on the proposal may be mailed to:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Environmental/Historic Preservation
Wisner City Park Lawn Project
1250 Poydras Street Box 43
New Orleans, LA 70112

Or emailed to: FEMA-NOMA@dhs.gov or faxed to FEMA's Transitional Recovery Office in New Orleans at 504-762-2871; and verbal comments will be accepted at 504-762-2361 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Draft EA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm and is also available for public review at the Mid-City Public Library, New Orleans, LA. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice for work in the floodplain in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9.12.